

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
MAY 8, 2013**

Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Dean V. Cronin, Thomas J. Pires and Patrick W. Menges

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of May 1, 2013.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of May 1, 2013 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #045A-13	Payroll	\$	62,883.37
Warrant #045B-13	Vendor bills	\$	323,255.44
Warrant #045C-13	Vendor bills	\$	1,794,563.00

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

The Board read food recalls from ConAgra Foods, Inc., and Real Pasta, Inc.

Announcements were read.

The Board has received the Order-of-March for the upcoming Memorial Day Parade. Those interested in viewing said Order, may contact the Board of Selectmen's office.

Discuss SRPEDD's Public Hearing re: Updating Dighton's Priority Area Map

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2013, 7:30PM relative to Dighton's Priority Area Map. Said meeting will be presented by SRPEDD and member(s) of the Planning Board will be present. The proposed updates are available for viewing at the Board of Selectmen's office.

Review/Discuss/Act: Rescind Vacation Buy Back for Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent

Last the week the Board approved vacation buy back for Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent, however, it has been brought to the Board's attention that under MGL, Ch. 41, §108O non-union employees may not buyback vacation time. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to rescind the may 1, 2013 vote to allow Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, to buy back eighty (80) hours of vacation time from FY13.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Use of Highway Materials on Winfield Lane

The Board will contact residents on Winfield Lane to see if they are interested in utilizing road surface material for the current untreated road. In the meantime, research will be done relative to the legalities of the road. The Board has been advised that Highway Superintendent, Thomas Ferry, can retain road surface material for one year. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to authorize use of highway materials for road improvements on Winfield Lane providing no strenuous objection from residents in area.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Proposed Dates for Tobacco Regulation Public Hearing

The Board discussed proposed dates for a public hearing relative to the proposed Tobacco Regulation. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to propose a Public Hearing for the Tobacco Regulation on May 29, 2013, June 5, 2013 or June 19, 2013 at 6:30PM at Town Hall.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Set Summer Schedule

The Board discussed setting the summer schedule. It was noted that during the summer months the Board meets on a bi-weekly basis. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to set summer schedule beginning June 12, 2013 and resume normal schedule on September 11, 2013.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: End-of-Year Budget Transfer Request

The Board received and read an end-of-the-year budget transfer request from Building Inspector, James D. Aguiar, Jr., to fund a newly created Communications Allowance budget line. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to transfer \$720.00 from the Building Department's Professional and Technical Account to the Building Department's Benefit – Communications Allowance.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Set Special Town Meeting & Amend Annual Town Meeting Time
Due to recently negotiated Police Union Contract it was determined that a required Special Town Meeting will be scheduled the same night as the Annual Town Meeting on June 4, 2013. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to amend the Annual Town Meeting time from 7:00PM to 7:15PM and set Special Town Meeting for June 4, 2013 at 7:00PM.

Vote: UNANIMIOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Snow Day Earning(s) for the Highway Department
The Board received a request for consideration from Thomas Ferry, Highway Superintendent, to consider granting eight (8) hours to Highway employees for plowing on February 9, 2013 and March 8, 2013. It was noted there is a clause under the Highway Contract that employees working a continuous 16 hours be given an eight (8) hour rest period to be used immediately. However, it appears that due to extenuating circumstances the rest period was not utilized as of date. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to grant Highway employees an eight (8) hour rest period for hours worked on February 9, 2013 and March 8, 2013 to be used immediately at the discretion of Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

It was noted in the future, a day off under these conditions are to be used in a more timely fashion.

Review/Discuss/Act: Wheels For Wishes Website Posting
The Board received a request to list the nonprofit Wheels for Wishes on the Town's website from Lonny Goldsmith. Proceeds from Wheels for Wishes benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation by towing away, auctioning off and recycling old cars free of charge. The Board will verify with the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the request to list the nonprofit Wheels for Wishes on the Town's website, pending verification from Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

The Board noted the next Finance Committee meeting will take place next week.

Thomas J. Pires noted that a special article for funding for a Household Hazardous Waste Day may not be presented until the fall Special Town Meeting due to budgetary reasons.

The Board would like to thank the Police and Highway Union Representatives for their cooperation during contract negotiations. It was noted that both sides were fair and everyone worked in the best interest of the Town.

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to adjourn at 7:59 PM.

Vote:	Dean V. Cronin	AYE
	Thomas J. Pires	AYE
	Patrick W. Menges	AYE

Respectfully submitted,
Boards of Selectmen/Health
Kerrie J Easterday, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Patrick W. Menges
Thomas J. Pires